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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-9,11,12,14-21,25-29,32-38,41-49,52,53 and 55-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 21,25-29,32-37,49,52,53 and 55-59 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-9,11,12,14-20,38 and 41-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1, 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

It appears, based on a reading of Applicants' disclosure, that the adjustment of the data rate at the terminal is at least partly based on the feedback signal from the gateway. This feedback or closed loop method is well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. The feature of identifying the change in the return link and adjusting the data rate performed concurrently by a transmitter of the message and a receiver of the message, however, does not appear to be sufficiently enabled. Applicants do indicate said above feature in the disclosure, however, said indication does not teach those skilled in the art how to make and use the scope of the claims. There is no sufficient detail in said indication that would enable one skilled in the art to make and use the entire scope of the claimed invention without undue experimentation. All claims that

depend directly or indirectly from Claims 1 and 38 are rejected for the same reasons set forth above.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious the following:

Means for approximating the signal-to-noise ratio for the return link at the gateway based on the forward link signal-to-noise ratio, wherein the forward link signal-to-noise ratio is measured at the terminal for a forward link from the gateway through the satellite to the terminal. Claim 21 and its dependent claims are therefore allowable.

Chan et al. (US 6,940,392) teaches a message that is initiated at a random time within a time slot (Col. 9 lines 23 - 25, lines 61 - 63). **The prior art of record, however, fails to teach or render obvious wherein the sent message is initiated at a random time within the messaging time slot, wherein a return link from a terminal to gateway through a satellite comprises said messaging time slot.** Claim 49 including its dependent claims are therefore allowable.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **RAYMOND S. DEAN** whose telephone number is (571)272-7877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:00-2:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Raymond S Dean/
Examiner, Art Unit 2618
Raymond S. Dean
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